

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) Stripping composition comprising, as active ingredient, at least benzyl acetate and a solvent chosen from methoxypropyl acetate, diacetone alcohol, methyl ethyl ketone, isophorone and the mixture of these.

2. (Original) Composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the proportion by weight of the benzyl acetate varies between 15 and 60% and that of the solvent varies between 4 and 25%, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

3. (Original) Composition according to Claim 2, characterized in that it comprises 15 to 60% of benzyl acetate, 2 to 15% of diacetone alcohol and 2 to 15% of methoxypropyl acetate.

4. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~, Claim 1, characterized in that it additionally comprises at least one diffusion agent chosen from dipolar aprotic solvents.

5. (Original) Composition according to Claim 4, characterized in that the dipolar aprotic solvents are chosen from dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO), N-methylpyrrolidone, dimethylformamide, acetonitrile, N-methylmorpholine, γ -butyrolactone, dimethylacetamide and their mixtures.

6. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~Claim 4 or 5~~, Claim 4, characterized in that the proportion by weight of the diffusion agent varies from 5 to 25% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

7. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~, Claim 1, characterized in that it additionally comprises at least one activator chosen from diethanolamine, diethylenetriamine, dimethylethanolamine, quaternary amines and their

mixtures.

8. (Original) Composition according to Claim 7, characterized in that the proportion by weight of the activator varies from 0.5 to 4% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

9. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 8~~, Claim 1, characterized in that it additionally comprises at least one plasticizer.

10. (Original) Composition according to Claim 9, characterized in that the plasticizer is chosen from dibasic esters.

11. (Original) Composition according to Claim 10, characterized in that the plasticizer is a dialkyl ester or a mixture of dialkyl esters chosen from alkyl glutarates, alkyl succinates and alkyl adipates.

12. (Original) Composition according to Claim 11, characterized in that the plasticizer is a dimethyl ester or a mixture of dimethyl esters.

13. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any one of Claims 9 to 12~~, Claim 9, characterized in that the proportion by weight of the plasticizer varies from 8 to 25% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

14. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 13~~, Claim 1, characterized in that it additionally comprises at least one inorganic filler.

15. (Original) Composition according to Claim 14, characterized in that the inorganic filler is chosen from calcium phosphite, calcium carbonate, calcium hydroxide, clay, bentonite and talc.

16. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~Claim 14 or 15~~, Claim 14, characterized in that the proportion by weight of the inorganic filler varies from 10 to 40% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

17. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 16~~, Claim

1, characterized in that it additionally comprises at least one dispersant.

18. (Original) Composition according to Claim 17, characterized in that the dispersant is chosen from fatty alcohol glucosides, polyglucosides of glucose ester and sucrose ester type, alkylpolyglucoside ethers, fluorosurfactants derived from perfluoroalkylated polyamines, the acidic phosphoric ester of 2-ethylhexanol, and their mixtures.

19. (Original) Composition according to Claim 18, characterized in that the proportion by weight of the dispersant varies from 0.5 to 4% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

20. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 19~~, Claim 1, characterized in that it additionally comprises at least one thickener.

21. (Original) Composition according to Claim 20, characterized in that the thickener is a hydroxypropylmethylcellulose ester or a mixture of these.

22. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~Claim 20 or 21~~, Claim 20 characterized in that the proportion by weight of the dispersant varies from 0.2 to 3% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

23. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 22~~, Claim 1, characterized in that it is devoid of water.

24. (Currently Amended) Composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 23~~, Claim 1, characterized in that it is in the form of a gel or of a cream.

25. (Original) Use of benzyl acetate as active ingredient for obtaining a stripping composition.

26. (Currently Amended) Use of a stripping composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 24~~, Claim 1 for obtaining a stripping composition intended for the construction field.

27. (Currently Amended) Use of a stripping composition according to ~~any one of~~

~~Claims 1 to 24~~ Claim 1 for obtaining a composition for the stripping of the lower part of the hulls of boats.